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The citation of the listed items is not a representation that they constitute a complete or exhaustive listing of the relevant art or that the references are prior art. The items listed are submitted in good faith, but are not intended to substitute for the Examiner's search. It is hoped, however, that in addition to apprising the Examiner of these particular items, they will assist in identifying fields of search and in making as full and complete a search as possible.

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The listed items were cited by the Japanese Patent Office in a counterpart application, namely, Appln. No. 2000-592949. A copy of the Japanese Office Action dated March 25, 2003 is attached hereto.

The filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is not an admission that the information cited herein is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

The claims of the application as now presented are believed to patentably distinguish over the prior art and to be in condition for allowance. Early and favorable consideration of the case is respectfully requested.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(2)

Applicant submits that each item of information contained in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application no more than three months prior to the filing of the Statement.

Respectfully submitted,



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		06-244754	Sep. 2, 1994	JAPAN			X	
		10-084237	Mar. 31, 1998	JAPAN			X	

OTHER PRIOR ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

		1.	Japanese Office Action dated March 25, 2003, issued in a counterpart application, namely, Appln. No. 2000-592949.

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